

MASONS OF VIRGINIA.

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OPENED IN AMPLE FORM.

A Large Attendance of Representative Virginians, Past Grand Masters and Visiting Brethren—Impressive Scene.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia, assembled in the Grand Lodge room of the Masonic Temple last evening.

There was an unusually large attendance, the delegates being seated in the audience-room and visiting brethren accommodated in the gallery.

The grand officers of the Grand Lodge present were: Grand Master William H. Pleasant, Deputy Grand Master Mann Page, Grand Senior Warden J. P. Fitzgerald, Grand Junior Warden A. R. Courtney, Grand Treasurer John F. Mayer, Grand Secretary W. B. Isaac, Grand Senior Deacon Frank A. Reed, Grand Junior Deacon R. T. W. Duke, Jr., Grand Chaplain George W. Dame, Grand Purveyor J. A. Cosby, Grand Tiler W. C. Wilkinson, Grand Steward William Krouse and District Deputy Grand Master for the Richmond District William East.

The Past Grand Masters present were the Most Worshipful F. H. Hill, of Madison; B. R. Wellford, Jr., of Richmond; W. B. Tallaferra, of Gloucester, and Robert T. Craighill, of Lynchburg.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia made up as a group of representative Virginians, farmers, lawyers, physicians, ministers, merchants, bankers and business men, is always an impressive assemblage.

At the opening of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master read his annual report, an able paper full of interesting facts to the brethren.

A number of committees were appointed, and sundry resolutions offered referred to them.

A beautiful and beautifully served supper was enjoyed by the Grand Lodge.

Grand Steward William Krouse supervised it, and it was in his best style.

The election of officers of the Grand Lodge will take place to-night.

One of the most interesting papers laid before the Grand Lodge of Virginia last night was the second annual report of the Masonic Home of Virginia.

It was in neat pamphlet shape, of thirty-two pages, compiled by Brother J. Thompson Brown and printed by the Everett-Wadley Company.

The officers of this institution, intended for the care of orphans of Masons, are the following: Brother R. R. Wellford, Jr., president; Julius Strauss, secretary; George C. Jefferson, assistant secretary; John S. Ellett, treasurer.

The board of governors is made up of the following: A. G. Babcock, R. R. Wellford, Jr., David J. Weisger, J. Thompson Brown, John S. Ellett, William Lovenstein, G. G. Gooch, George H. Ray.

The standing committees are as follows: Executive Committee—A. G. Babcock, D. J. Weisger, A. R. Courtney, George H. Ray, John S. Ellett.

Ways and Means—A. G. Babcock, B. R. Wellford, Jr., A. R. Courtney, George H. Ray, J. Thompson Brown.

Admission—B. R. Wellford, Jr., George H. Ray, William Lovenstein.

Entertainment—J. Thompson Brown, G. G. Gooch, David J. Weisger.

Education—John S. Ellett, B. R. Wellford, Jr., William Lovenstein.

The president's report is the first in order, and then follow reports of the secretary, treasurer, auditor, physician, the various committees and the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The death of Worshipful Brother Isaac S. Tower, a devoted and faithful member of the board of governors of the Masonic Home, is feelingly referred to by the president.

Brother G. G. Gooch, of Staunton Lodge, No. 15, was chosen to fill this vacancy on the board of governors.

There are at present nine bright and intelligent boys, sons of deceased Masons in the Home, who below Richmond, and two are looked for soon.

All these have had the best care at the hands of Mrs. Lucy T. Acree, the matron, who has been careful in every detail of the household.

All are comfortably clothed and well fed, and have a healthful recreation and a reasonable amount of work.

They all attend the public school near the Home.

The land surrounding the Home has been successfully cultivated, supplying the Home with vegetables and feed for the horses and cows.

Decorations of shade trees for both sides of the lawn, from the main road to the house, have been made by Brothers George Potts, of Petersburg Lodge, No. 10, and McMath, of Accomac.

The valuable and important work of the Ladies' Auxiliary Association for the Home is then acknowledged.

At their fair held at the Masonic Temple in April last, to aid in the erection of a new Home, they made a great financial success.

The president, Mrs. James H. Capers, turned over to the treasurer of the Home to October 22d \$13,915.77, and the ladies will try to make the sum \$15,000 even.

When the board of governors met in October a resolution was unanimously adopted establishing a building fund, the entire receipts of the fair paid in by the ladies to be placed in said fund, to be used for this special purpose, and all moneys appropriated for it to be placed in the same fund.

In anticipation of the time when a more commodious building must be erected for the purposes of the Home, the board of governors appointed a building committee to procure preliminary plans, costs, etc., of such a building, and to submit the same to the board with such recommendations and suggestions as the committee deemed it proper to make.

This committee obtained much information, and as the results of their efforts two competitive plans were secured.

One was from Brother Charles H. Read, Jr., and one from Brothers Rogers & Higham.

(By the courtesy of Mr. J. Thompson Brown the Times presents cuts of these competitive plans herewith.)

Several applications for the admission of widows and girl orphans of Masons have been made to the board, but owing to the limited room in the present structure to establish separate apartments for male and female wards, the board was unable to receive them.

The report of the board of governors, through the president, closes with the recommendation that the Grand Lodge give this noble undertaking substantial aid.

The board believes that if the building fund has \$25,000 cash to its credit, they would be justified in commencing work on the new building at once, or in time to lay the corner-stone on St. John's Day, June 24, 1893.

The report of the secretary, Brother Julius Strauss, gives details of receipts and disbursements for the year just closed at the Home, showing large investments and a good balance in bank.

He adds his great satisfaction at the prosperity of the Home, and the good it accomplishes.

The treasurer, Brother John Ellett, supplements the report of the secretary, as above stated, with figures in his report.

Brother J. Thompson Brown, the chairman of the entertainment, had nothing of interest in this line to report.

This absence of duties was owing to the fact that everything of this nature was absorbed in the fair of the Ladies' Auxiliary Association previously described. He was glad to report the improvement of facilities for transportation to and from the Home, owing to the contemplated introduction of electricity on the railroad now passing the Home, to connect with the city electric railway system.

This will be done during the coming year.

The matron's report tells of the good health of the boys, and praises their faithful work on the farm which they have been cultivating with good results.

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The whole report was interesting, and was read by the members of the Grand Lodge with great pleasure. It is greatly to the credit of Brother J. Thompson Brown, the compiler, and shows hard work and careful gathering of facts and figures on his part.

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Entertainment for Lee Camp Charity Fund a Complete Success.

The entertainment for Lee Camp charity fund was presented at the Mozart Academy last evening.

The house was packed, a considerable number of men occupying the aisles. In the boxes were bevy of pretty women, and even in the top gallery nearly all of the chairs were occupied. The entertainment was given under the patronage of many of Richmond's most fashionable folk, and proved to be both an artistic and financial success.

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The Committee on Grounds and Buildings held its regular meeting in the hustings court-room last evening. Chairman Taylor and Messrs. Epps, Mountcastle, Seay and Turpin were present.

Judge George L. Christian appeared before the committee in behalf of Mr. Maurice T. Smith, who has leased the Seabrook warehouse, and asked a renewal of the lease at \$1,800 per year for a term of three years. The lease was granted, on motion of Mr. Seay.

Mr. Edgar Allan appeared before the

committee as the purchaser of the City Hall property, at the request of Colonel Cutshaw. He stated that when the city leased the property several years ago, the value of real estate in that locality was much lower than at present. The lease, under which the building is occupied, expires on the 1st of February next. The city is paying at present \$700 per year, and it also pays the taxes on the property.

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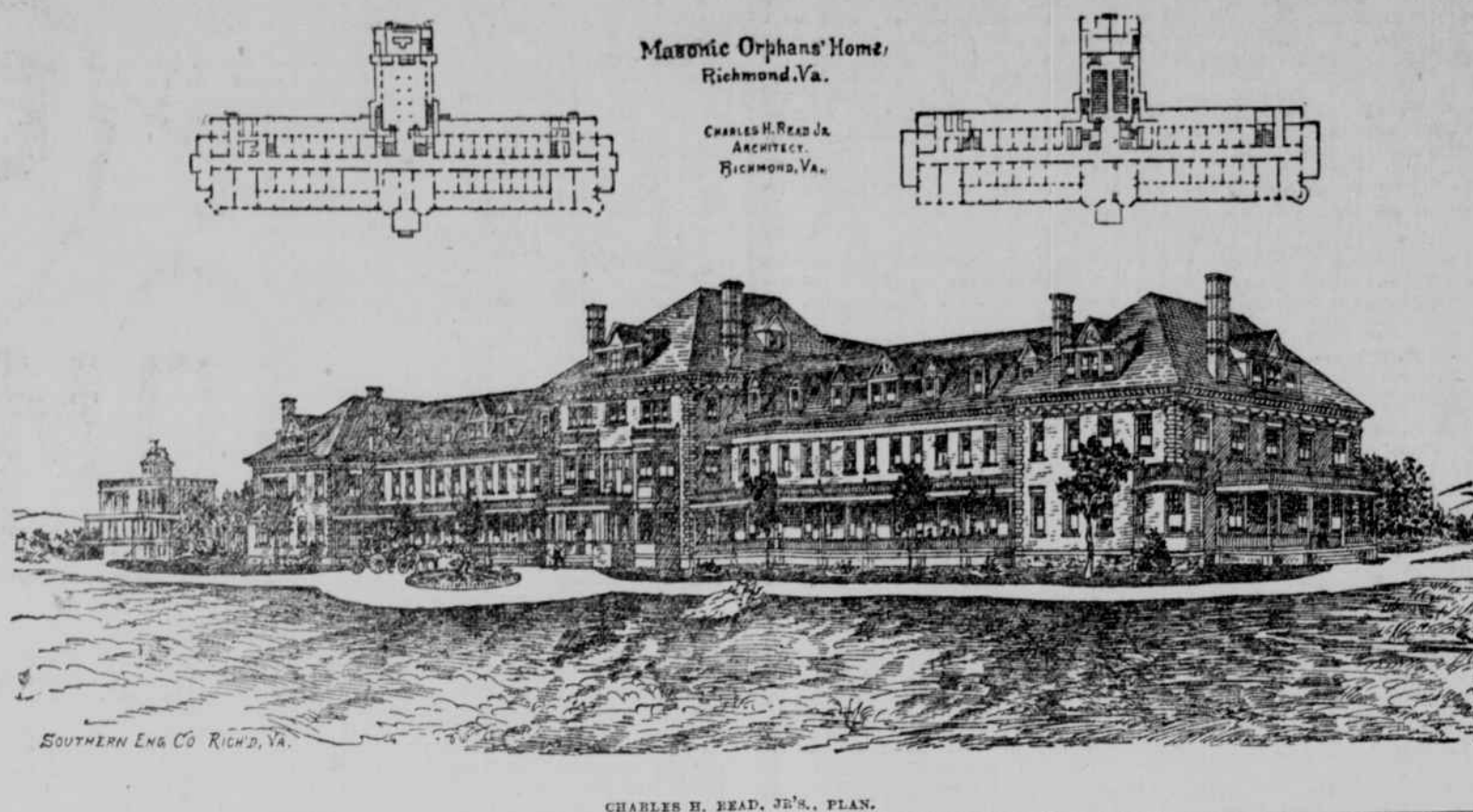
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CHARLES H. READ, JR.'S, PLAN.

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THE TEMPERANCE PEOPLE.

Grand Lodge of Grand Templars Now in Session in Richmond.

The Grand Lodge of Grand Templars of Good Templars of Virginia, met last night in their twenty-fifth annual session in Ellett's Hall, Fifth and Marshall streets.

They were called to order by the Grand Chief Templar, Hugh D. Shepherd, and the Grand Lodge degree was conferred on seventy-five members.

Present, besides the Grand Chief Templar, Mrs. Staats, grand vice templar; George W. Hawhurst, grand secretary; I. N. King, grand treasurer; Mrs. S. E. Bailey, grand superintendent of union temples; W. B. Boyd, grand marshal; Miss Effie Bowman, grand deputy marshal; George H. Haydon, grand assistant secretary; T. C. Bailey, grand guard; F. R. Holland, grand sentinel, and T. S. Tyler, grand messenger. Among the prominent members present were Colonel J. R. Miller, Dr. C. W. Kirby, Dr. D. H. Mann, Dr. W. W. Edwards, Colonel J. H. Haydon, and others.

The sessions promise to be interesting, as matters of much importance to the order will be transacted.

Many delegates have arrived, and are coming hourly. There will be over one hundred when all come, and much interest is felt in the election of officers.

The delegates to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge Session, which meets in Des Moines in April next, will be elected at this session.

The Grand Lodge is in a better financial condition than ever before.

Following the sending fraternal greetings, were received and read from the Grand Lodge of Michigan and the lodges at Blue Ridge and Lynchburg, Va. A committee was ordered to reply to them and to send a message of greeting to the Grand Lodge of Ohio, now in session at Cleveland.

Today's session begins at 9:30, and an hour later His Honor, Mayor Elyson, will make an address.

MR. SAMUEL T. BEACH DEAD.

The Well-Known Teacher Passed to His Rest Last Evening.

Mr. Samuel T. Beach died at his residence, No. 17 west Marshall street, last night at 10:30 o'clock, in the fifty-eighth year of his age.

About ten days ago Mr. Beach suffered with two hemorrhages from the lungs, and constantly grew worse. He was better yesterday morning, however, and the family were much encouraged.

Mr. Beach probably taught school ever since he was a young man. He and S. T. Fendleton were at one time associated together, and later Mr. Beach was principal of the Valley School. Some years ago he taught a private school, and at the

celebration of the anniversary of the Colored Normal School, a position he had held for several years.

Mr. Beach was one of the best principals in Richmond's school system, his forte being discipline. He brought order out of chaos at the Normal School, and put the institution on a footing that makes it rank to-day as one of the best educational places in the State. Mr. Beach was a man of much culture, and had a large circle of friends, who esteemed and loved him.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been decided upon.